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John 4:4-42

“Woman at the Well”

4:4 And he must needs go through Samaria. 4:5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

Notes: . Jesus was tired.

. He sat on Jacob's well.

4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water:

Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 4:8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

Notes: . A Samarian woman came to get water from that well. . Jesus asked the woman to give him water.

4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Notes:. The woman responded with the divisive classism of that time and location.

4:10 **Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

Notes: . Jesus did not reply with the same narrow-minded way of thinking.

Rather, he spoke of LIVING WATER.

4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

Notes: . Still in carnal thinking, the woman inquired about a method of getting the water and

seemingly boasted about the significance of the well.

4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Notes: . Again, on a higher (spiritual) plane, Jesus spoke of “a well of water springing up into everlasting life”.

4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Notes: . The woman asked for the special water.

4:16 Jesus saith unto her, **Go, call thy husband, and come hither.**

Notes: . Jesus changed to earthly and personal talk in asking the woman about her “husband” to reveal something deeper about himself & future events on “worship”.

4:17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 4:18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 4:19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 4:20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to

worship. 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they

that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Notes: . The woman spoke more spiritually re: “Messias cometh”.

4:26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Notes: . Jesus revealed his identity.

4:27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

Notes: . Jesus' disciples arrived and silently questioned the reason Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman.

4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that

ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Notes: . The woman left to tell others of her experience.

4:30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 4:34 Jesus

saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Notes: . Jesus responded to his disciples regarding food: My food is the job of doing God's will and finishing his work.

4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 4:36 And

he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

. It's eternal life-production time. Workers will rejoice together.

4:37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Notes: . Could this be a reference to works-free salvation? (38, 39).

4:39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 4:40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 4:41 And many more believed because of his own word; 4:42 And said unto the woman,

Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Notes: . The potential for belief in the Christ was initially due to word-of-mouth. Some people believed in Jesus based on the woman's words alone. However, even more believed after, they themselves. heard the Christ speak.

Ending Notes:

. There are a several points to note and consider regarding the woman at the well. It's not just a story—
it's a message of eternity.